WFWP USA: Strings of the Heart - Blankets of Love

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Ladies crocheting or knitting during their lunch break to create blankets of love.

In 2021 Women's Federation for World Peace adopted a wonderful project, "Strings of the Heart" to give handmade blankets to people who have suffered a loss or who need comfort or inspiration. They are "blankets of love."

I first heard of <u>Strings of the Heart</u> upon visiting Mrs. Irmgard Baynes in her home. She showed me several blankets she was putting the finishing touches on for someone who needed comfort and support. I was so moved and wanted to be part of this activity. I quickly bought some yarn and crochet needles and started crocheting six inch squares.



This project started with four ladies knitting or crocheting together during their lunch break. They also collaborated on whom to send the blanket. Later on they developed a network to broaden the reach in order to give out more blanket of love. Slowly the group grew and now there are at least ten crafters throughout America participating in their homes. The crafters mail the six inch squares they craft to Marjorie Buessing. Then Marjorie assembles all the donated squares artfully together. It is always amazing how beautiful the blankets come out, combining many squares crafted with a lot of thought and well wishes by different ladies. Marjorie, our artistic assembler then mails a big box of blankets to Tyndol and Irmgard Baynes to put the finishing touches on each blanket and send them out to the person suggested by the network.

I found it a rewarding project to work on during the pandemic ... it gave me something to focus on and the squares became so colorful, almost jumping out of the bag in rich hues.

So far 39 blankets have been sent out since the projects began in 2019. More are in the works.

For more information on how you can contribute, contact Irmgard Baynes, <u>ibaynes@ wfwp,us</u> or visit the <u>Strings of the Heart webpage</u>.



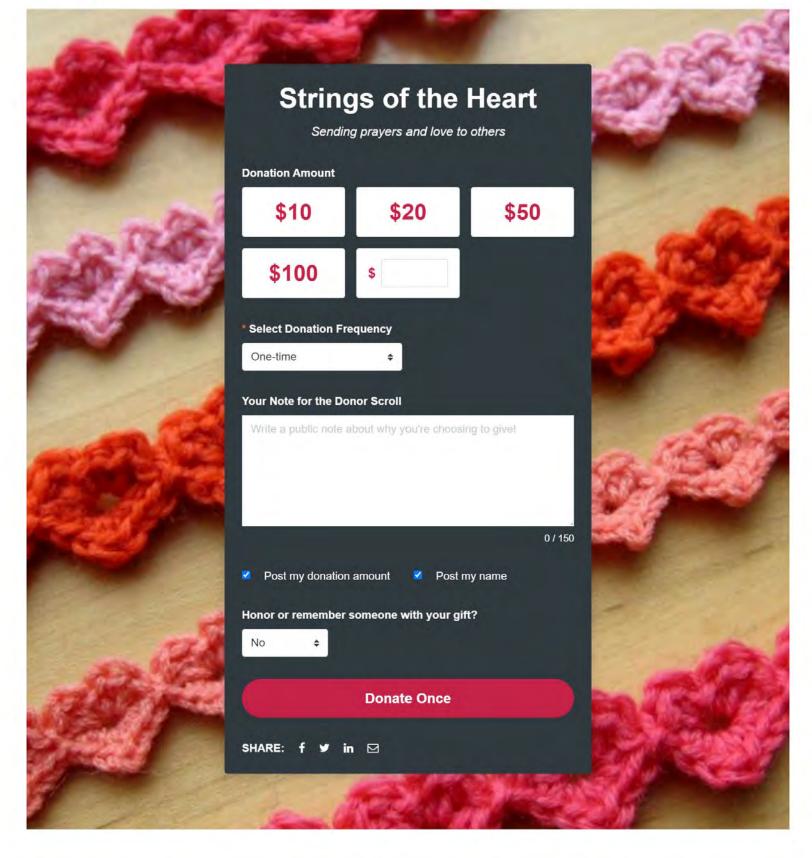
Below are comments by recipients of the "blankets of love"

I was touched by your kind thought of wanting to keep me warm during this coming winter by sending a beautiful blanket during this challenging time in my life. Your kindness is very much appreciated. God Bless you and your families.

Dear Stings of the Heart! I want to sincerely thank you for creating such a beautiful quilt for me. I am so very touched by all the combined effort it took to complete this. Just know I can feel all the love and support through this quilt...as I travers my cancer journey. God Bless.







We are fundraising to send out more lovely, warm blankets.

Strings of the Heart is a prayer blanket ministry, a project adopted by the Women's Federation for World Peace USA (WFWP USA) from the 4 WFWP members who formed a lunch prayer blanket club. Our intent is to send a warm hug from God, our Heavenly Parent, and bring comfort to recipients of the blankets.

We invite you to contribute if your heart desires. We collect six by six inch squares either knitted, crocheted or woven in any pattern from individuals across the nation. One of us joins them into blankets with one united prayer of hope. We also accept donations of yarn and monetary donations.

There are several ways you can support this project:

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Mari Curry

This is a special ministry that offers love and prayer support in a tangible way. Providing comfort and love when people need it most. Thank You!

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- Monetary donations given on this page will help toward postage costs, so we can mail completed blankets to recipients. Shipping one blanket costs between \$10 and \$20. (Donations can also be mailed to WFWP USA, 481 8th Ave Suite 1228, New York, NY 10001)
- Crochet 6 in x 6 squares with a prayer and donate them to be used in a completed blanket. Completed squares can be sent to Mrs. M. Buessing. 2375 Winter Park Street Loveland, Colorado 80538 or Irmgard Baynes 238 N. 17th Str. Bloomfield, NJ 07003
- We also accept donations of yarn (medium, worsted, or light worsted only, no thick yarns). Yarn donations can be sent to Mrs. M. Buessing and Irmgard Baynes, see addresses above.

Strings of the Heart prayer blankets are completed by a group of volunteers from across the nation. We convey God's heart and also ours to people who could benefit from a boost of love and encouragement during a current hardship or difficult times of their life. Since it's beginning we sent out 39 blankets as of Dec. 15 2021.

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